

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A digital recording/reproducing apparatus in which an information medium for storing audio-visual information corresponding to a plurality of types of audio languages and sound mode information associated with these audio languages is used to perform recording or reproducing based on at least one of different first and second formats, said apparatus comprising:
  - a first judging section for judging whether said audio-visual information includes said plurality of types of audio languages; and
  - a second judging section for judging whether a specified audio language set in said first format is applied to said second format, when said audio-visual information includes said plurality of types of audio languages,  
wherein the specified audio language is automatically utilized in recording or reproducing based on said second format, when the specified audio language set in said first format is applied to said second format.
3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second format has predetermined management information, the management information includes one or more pieces of stream information, and said sound mode information is recorded in each stream information.
4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein an audio data portion of said audio-visual information is recorded in said information medium by a data unit having a predetermined header, and  
said apparatus further comprises:
  - a first section for judging a sound mode of said audio data to be recorded in said information medium; and

a second section for setting said judged sound mode in the header of said data unit.

5.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A television tuner ~~which can be used~~ configured for use with the apparatus of claim [[1]] 2, said apparatus having a function for recording audio-visual information of television broadcast in a recordable optical disc, or reproducing the audio-visual information from the recorded optical disc, said tuner comprising:

    a bilingual broadcast detector configured to detect whether said television broadcast is bilingual broadcast;

    a sound changeover section configured to select and output a sound of a language corresponding to a specified audio language via said bilingual broadcast, when said television broadcast is the bilingual broadcast and the specified audio language set in reproducing the sound from said recorded optical disc is followed; and

    a sound output section configured to output the sound included in the audio-visual information of the broadcast as it is, when said television broadcast is not the bilingual broadcast.

10. (Currently amended) A digital recording/reproducing method in which an information medium for storing audio-visual information corresponding to a plurality of types of audio languages and sound mode information associated with these audio languages is used to perform recording or reproducing based on at least one of different first and second formats, said method comprising:

    judging whether said audio-visual information includes said plurality of types of audio languages;

    judging whether a specified audio language set in said first format is applied to said second format, when said audio-visual information includes said plurality of types of audio languages; and

automatically utilizing the specified audio language in recording or reproducing based on said second format, when the specified audio language set in said first format is applied to said second format.